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A mind is a terrible thing to waste

BY U.S. AIR FORCE CAPT.
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Each year thousands of people make New Year's resolutions to improve their life in some way. Usually the resolutions end up being forgotten about, laughed at or buried under numerous excuses as to why they weren't attained.

Well this year when you are still ringing in the New Year, make a resolution to get smart. Get smart, you say? Yes! Get smart! It is painless and requires no money, no long lines and no holiday return hassles. In fact getting smarter will actually pay you!

What I mean is, make a resolution to take advantage of the education benefits

afforded to you in the military. Currently, the military Tuition Assistance Program is paying tuition costs and mandatory fees for up to a maximum of \$250 per semester hour, or \$750 per three-hour course. The current program includes a \$4,500-per-year tuition assistance ceiling. This program is commonly referred to as 100 percent T.A.

Personally, over the past 14 months I have used this program to pay for more than \$16,500 worth of graduate level instruction. That's a nice down payment on a new car! Or, put another way, that's 1,375 new CDs at \$12 a piece! In that time all I have paid for was books.

Have you ever heard the expression "the value of a book is measured in degrees?"

Here's where this new resolution, getting smarter, will pay you back.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau report, "Mean Earnings of Workers 18 Years and Over, by Educational Attainment, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Sex: 1975 to 2002," the mean income in 2002 for a person with a high school diploma was \$27,280. Compare this to mean incomes of someone with some college or an associate's degree, \$31,046; someone with a bachelor's degree, \$51,194; or someone with an advanced degree, \$72,824.

The message is clear, the more educated you are the greater your earning power is. This is true in the military too. Having your education will help you get promoted, get commis-

sioned or get that dream assignment you always wanted.

There is an old recruiting slogan that states "nine out of ten employers are looking for people with skills the military teaches." The future job market looks bright for us in the military, but it won't be that bright without your associate's,

bachelor's or master's degree to go along with all those skills you picked while serving in the military.

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste" and so are your military benefits. Take advantage of this great program and make your New Years resolution to, "Get Smarter!" It will cost you practically nothing, only your time, and will pay you unforeseen dividends down the road.



Scout On The Street — What is your resolution for the new year?



JENNY FREEMAN,
ENTERPRISE/SYSTEMS
TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITY,
NETWORK ENTERPRISE TECH-
NOLOGY COMMAND

My resolution is to be very creative, to be very prosperous, to have a wonderful time with my daughter.



DONNA MCAFEE,
ESTA, NETCOM

I have three boys in the military. My resolution is to bring my family closer together.



LORIAN CASTINEIRA,
ESTA, NETCOM

I made so many changes in my life last year, that I decided not to make any this year.



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
MICHELE ELLIS, NETCOM

I have a nerve disease. My resolution is to beat that this year.

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Major highlights from 2004

January

BRAC issues presented to Arizona governor

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Governor Janet Napolitano visited Fort Huachuca and the Sierra Vista community Dec. 17 to discuss Base Realignment and Closure 2005 and the importance of Arizona's military facilities to the Department of Defense's war fighting mission.

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 authorized the DoD to pursue one BRAC round in 2005.

"I understand how important Arizona's military installations are and I also want to make sure the rest of America understands the great contributions Arizona's military bases have made and will continue to make to the national defense," Napolitano said.

"Fort Huachuca is a point of pride for Arizona," she added.

Both congress and the DoD recognize military value must be the primary con-

sideration in reducing or restructuring U.S. military bases.

According to the DoD, BRAC is a means to achieve several goals: eliminate excess infrastructure; reshape our military; pursue jointness; optimize military readiness; and realize significant savings in support of transforming the Department of Defense. It is a means by which the military reconfigures its current infrastructure into one in which operational capacity maximizes both warfighting capability and efficiency.

Napolitano has established the Governor's Military Facilities Taskforce to develop strategies for ensuring the long-term retention of all military facilities in Arizona, so that they may continue to perform their vital national defense missions. The taskforce will also establish funding to be distributed to Arizona's military installations.

However, DoD officials, both military and civilian, should not participate in any meetings of organizations with the purpose (express or not) of insulating an installation from realignment or closure to ensure the fairness and rigor of the BRAC deliberative process.

"Fort Huachuca, specifically, is the home of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, the Army's military intelligence structure originated here and this base is the key player in the Army's current intelligence collection efforts," Napolitano said.

"Fort Huachuca is also gaining an elite reputation for its work with unmanned aerial vehicles," she said.

BRAC will enable the U.S. military to match facilities to forces, meet the threats and challenges of a new century, and make the wisest use of limited defense dollars.

Consolidating facilities will save billions, allowing the department to focus funds

on maintaining and modernizing facilities needed to better support our forces, recruit quality personnel, modernize equipment and infrastructure, and develop the capabilities needed to meet 21st Century threats.

The BRAC process ensures that the United States continues to field the best prepared and best equipped military in the world.

The Army benefits from BRAC by helping to transform the Army by rationalizing our infrastructure with defense strategy.

"Our long-term goal is to sustain Arizona's superior military operations for years to come," Napolitano said. "Preserving the military industry in Arizona is essential to the fiscal health of the state and provides a strong foundation to create a better life for future generations of Arizonans, our children."

February

11th Signal Soldiers, colors come home

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The 11th Signal Brigade Thunderbirds returned home and uncased their colors in front of a crowd of family and friends who were ecstatic regardless of their arrival shortly after midnight on Feb. 18.

The welcoming ceremony at Barnes Field House greeted Soldiers who have

been deployed for between three and 16 months to the Southwest Asia theater of operations, including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Qatar and Iraq, said 1st Lt. Bill Knott, Public Affairs Officer for the 11th Signal Bde.

The brigade's subordinate units included the 86th Signal Battalion, the 504th Signal Bn., the 40th Signal Bn. and Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 11th

Signal Bde.

The Thunderbirds were deployed to "provide communication support to subordinate warfighter units in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Col.

Brian Hurley, former commander, 11th Signal Bde.

The unit also learned a lot of lessons during their deployment, including the value of teamwork.

"You've gotta work as a team to get mission accomplished because there's not a lot of reaction time," said Master Sgt. Michael A. Haskins, HHC 11th Signal Bde.

The night also brought the return and uncasing of the brigade colors. The colors were cased when the brigade's mission was completed, Hurley said.

The colors were uncased when the unit returned home

to signify the start of the next mission for the 11th Signal Bde.; returning to normal garrison brigade mission.

After being dismissed from formation, Soldiers rushed into the arms of loved ones who had been waiting patiently all night.

Being back in the desert environment of Arizona was "refreshing" to Spc. Talon Jayne, 86th Signal Bn., who returned home after one year, one month of deployment. He was looking most forward to "seeing this one" he said gesturing to his wife, Katie, and then hugging her.

"The greatest thing for a commander is to bring everyone home safely," Hurley said.

However, he added, there are still Thunderbirds serving in Southwest Asia.

"It's not a real homecoming until they're all home safely."



Photo by Sgt. Kristi T. Saavedra

Sgt. Tim Murdoch, 86th Signal Battalion, returns home to his wife Melanie and daughter Paige, for good.



Photo by Nell Drumheller

New home

Members of Detachment 4, 2nd 84th Military Intelligence Battalion, a collection of Reserve and Guard Soldiers from several states, arrived on post Jan. 31. They attended courses in counterintelligence agents and human intelligence collectors in preparation for deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism.

March

Drugs, sex ends NCO's career

Soldier will serve time, lose rank

BY KAREN WEIL
SCOUT STAFF

A Soldier convicted of drug use and improper sexual relations will spend 24 months in confinement and receive a dishonorable discharge.

Sgt. Antonio Macias, 29, of Company A, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion, will forfeit all payments and allowances and be reduced to a grade of E-1.

Macias was found guilty of indecent acts with another, wrongful use of cocaine, methamphetamine and amphetamines, and two violations of a lawful general regulation on March 11 as part of a plea agreement.

After a hearing, the judge, Lt. Col. Mark Sposato, found Macias guilty of solicitation (for attempting to solicit a Soldier to use illegal drugs) and being absent without leave.

Macias also pleaded guilty to

AWOL, but not guilty to desertion and solicitation.

Capt. Eric Stafford, who prosecuted the case, tried Macias on the charge of desertion, a more serious offense, as well as on the charge of solicitation.

Macias, stationed at Fort Huachuca since March 2003, had various duties, including Morse code instructor.

After hearing the sentence handed down by the judge, Macias' wife began crying.

According to prosecutors, Macias discussed sexual fantasies with a female student Soldier on Oct. 3. One day later, Macias had sex with another female student Soldier on a post facility, in front of a male Soldier.

He also used illegal drugs, including cocaine, methamphetamine and amphetamine, between Oct. 16 and 20, and at one point offered some methamphetamine to one of

the female Soldiers.

Between Oct. 20 and 21, Macias went absent from duty, but had no permission to do so. Criminal Investigations Division officers found him in Agua Prieta, Mexico, on Oct. 21, and Macias returned to Fort Huachuca with them voluntarily.

While on the stand, Macias said he was aware of all the Army regulations he admitted to violating.

"As a Soldier, it's my duty to obey every regulation bestowed upon me," Macias said.

Macias told the court about the events of Oct. 3, in which he discussed sexual fantasies with a female student, who was ranked as a private. On Oct. 4, Macias said he ended up in a classroom with another woman, and began kissing her and eventually having sex with her.

The Soldier who saw the two told authorities, according to court testimony.

Macias said he "had a gut feel-

ing" that someone was watching, but heard only minimal noise.

Macias also said that between Sept. 29 and Oct. 6, he used methamphetamine about six times. Macias said he went to Mexico last October because he "was frustrated by what was happening," and needed to clear his head by working on a music compact disc. He told the court that he had forgotten about CQ duties.

During that time, Macias said he had a telephone conversation with his neighbor, but denied saying he wasn't ever returning to Fort Huachuca.

Capt. Dean Clark said the government did not meet standards on the desertion charge, given that Macias came back on his own.

Macias, who first enlisted almost eight years ago, said he wanted to apologize to his unit, country and his family.

"I made a few grave mistakes

that I'm not proud of," he said. "All I can think about every day is how I discredited the Army, my unit and myself. I know I can be rehabilitated."

During final arguments, Stafford maintained that Soldiers are trained to meet standards, and the fort cannot succeed if its own cadre cannot walk the walk.

Stafford, who asked that Macias get four years confinement, said Macias' actions were unbelievable, but true.

Clark said that Macias did good things during his Army career, but lost perspective and stumbled upon drugs.

"Failing to meet standards should not be a criminal offense," said Clark, who is stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Clark said Macias should not receive anything more than seven months confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

Mayoral program planned on post

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

A new program was started on post to benefit Soldiers and their families living in unit housing.

The program asks for volunteers to "be the mayor" of their housing units, said Pamela Allen, family services coordinator at ACS. Volunteers can be to anyone 18 or over who is living in unit housing. Allen said the program is designed to build cohesion and give specific housing areas the opportunity to have a voice.

"This is a grassroots program to build a sense of community in the housing areas and villages," Allen said.

The mayors will act as liaisons between the residents of the housing areas and the unit sponsors, said Allen. If there are problems, such as work orders not being completed in a timely manner, the mayor will be responsible for ensuring that the problem is resolved.

"The mayor would be in place to work with unit coordinators without having it escalate into an issue," Allen said.

"Sometimes you don't feel like you have a voice. The mayor gives them someone they know to come to, a more comfortable setting to go to, someone to talk to about issues. It will give people a voice or more of a voice."

The program offers flexibility in how involved the mayors will be.

"It depends on what the mayor wants and what the community wants," Allen said.

How effective the program will be will depend on the mayors, Allen said.

Mayors could set up block parties, town hall meetings and other community functions, depending on where they want to take the program.

"It will be up to the mayors to make this program work," Allen said.

There are also incentives to volunteer as mayors, Allen said. Among the incentives offered will be one designated parking space at both the post exchange and the commissary for mayors, office space, computers for mayoral use, an Internet account, and free child care when the mayors are involved in official duties for the program, said Allen.

"This is just one avenue to enhance the quality of life for our families and Soldiers," Allen said. "This is one more way for information to be passed down from the commander to the family."

"We want to get the word out that this is an exciting program beneficial to everyone," Allen said.

Allen said this program has been implemented on other posts and works well.

"This really will be a great program once it's set up and established," she said.

Training of the mayors is set for the first week of April. One responsibility of the mayors will be to attend monthly meetings with the unit sponsors and unit agencies involved in housing, Allen said. Ongoing training will also be available.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Put em' up

"I've never seen so many boxing gloves in my life," said six-time world champion boxer Sugar Ray Leonard as he spent close to an hour signing boxing gloves and autographs at the Army and Air Force Exchange March 30.

April

Hunter takes charge of USAG

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The U.S. Army Garrison guidon was passed on April 21 from Col. Lawrence J. Portouw, who's commanded USAG for the past two years, to Col. Jonathan B. Hunter. Hunter comes to Fort Huachuca from U.S. Army Southern Command where he was serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to come back to Fort Huachuca and join the great garrison team here," said Hunter, whose first duty station was Fort Huachuca when he went through the Military Intelligence Officer Basic Course in 1981.

"I remember as a young second lieutenant how impressed I was with Fort Huachuca and thinking if the rest of the Army was like that, my wife and I were going to love being in the Army.

"For an MI officer to be given the opportunity to come back to the home of MI as a commander is a great honor," he said.

Hunter has served in various capacities all over the world. "In twenty three years, there has never been a day that I wasn't excited about going to work that day," he said.

He deployed during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and with Joint Task Force 180 during the initial entry into Haiti in 1994. He was with U.S. Army Europe in Hungary during the initial entry into Bosnia in 1995. Hunter also served at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, La., where he was responsible for intelligence training of the Army's airborne, air assault, light infantry and special operations units.

Hunter served as garrison commander at Camp Casey Enclave and Western Corridor in the Republic of Korea from 1998 to 2002 and brings his experience with him to Fort Huachuca.

"We exist to support Soldiers and their families, those that have served their nation and their families and our civilian work force," Hunter said.

According to Hunter, the Fort Huachuca garrison mission is to "support the mission readiness and execution, enable the well-being of Soldiers, civilians and family members, improve the infrastructure and preserve the environment."

"The Fort Huachuca Garrison has a reputation across the Army and the Department of Defense as an installation at the leading edge of customer service and support, environmental stewardship, cost management and in numerous other areas," Hunter said.

Hunter's job as the Garrison commander will entail "setting priorities, obtaining the necessary resources and empowering the team to execute the mission."

And he hopes to follow in the footsteps of Portouw and keep improving Fort Huachuca's Garrison.

But he can't do it alone. "One of my priorities is to get honest feedback," Hunter said. "If you see me around Fort Huachuca and you have a suggestion, question, or just some honest feedback, please share your thoughts with me."

Although Garrison rarely deploys, since their mission is installation support, the obligations to the warfighter are on Hunter's mind.

"We are an Army at war, and today I think the most important thing for a Soldier of any rank is to be ready," he said. "We also need to ensure our families are ready and the unit Family Readiness Groups and various services the Garrison offers are great resources to help with this."

Hunter is looking forward to his time here at Fort Huachuca. "This post has changed over the years and it is an even greater place to serve," he said. "I hope that everybody who serves here has the same positive experiences that we [his family] have had here."

May

Soldier convicted of aggravated assault, rape, sodomy

BY SGT. KRISTI T. SAAVEDRA
SCOUT STAFF

A Fort Huachuca Soldier was convicted of disobeying a lawful order from a commissioned officer, making a false official statement, sodomy, rape and aggravated assault at a court martial held May 17 at Greely Hall.

Pvt. Robert J. Houck will spend seven years and one day in confinement, forfeit all pay and allowances, be reduced to the grade of E-1 and receive a dishonorable discharge.

Houck plead guilty to five counts of disobeying a lawful order from a commissioned officer, one count of making a false official statement, one count of sodomy and three counts of aggravated assault. Houck plead not guilty to the charge of rape and to assault.

The judge, Lt. Col. Mark Sposato, found him guilty of rape and not guilty of the fourth count of aggravated assault, after a hearing by judge alone.

"This is a very atypical case with very serious charges and very serious actions," said Capt. Eric Stafford, trial counsel.

Houck, who has been stationed at Fort Huachuca with Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion since Feb. 19, 2003, was diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus in August 2003.

The charges of aggravated by Sposato as something that "can produce death or grievance bodily harm."

The passing of bodily fluids while HIV positive is considered aggravated assault. It's not simply a "black eye or bloody nose," he said.

Houck received a lawful order August 22, from his then-acting commander, 1st Lt. Jeffrey Holdaway, to verbally inform his partners of his condition and to use condoms when engaging in sex. By ignoring this order, Houck was in violation of Article 90 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Houck had unprotected sex that evening, but did not inform his partner that he was HIV positive.

He then had unprotected sex with the same individual in Sierra Vista on Sept. 5, and had protected and unprotected sex with her again on Sept. 12 and 13, still without informing her he had tested HIV positive. By not advising the victim of his status, Houck's actions were performed with unlawful force and violence, according to Sposato.

October 31, Houck went to a night club in Agua Prieta, Mexico with a co-worker, where he engaged in sodomy (defined as unnatural carnal copulation with another person) without using a condom and without informing her of his condition. Houck said he understood the act of sodomy is "not in keeping with the armed forces," yet he still violated Article 125 of UCMJ.

Following the incident in Mexico, Houck engaged in nonconsensual, un-

protected sex on Nov. 21, resulting in a charge of rape and aggravated assault, and yet another violation of the order.

His victim, who had been drinking, did not recall the following day that they had engaged in sexual intercourse. She was later informed of the rape by Special Agent Jose Rodriguez, with Criminal Investigation Division, Fort Huachuca Resident Agency.

During questioning on Nov. 24, Houck told Rodriguez that besides the incident on Nov. 21, which he claimed was consensual, he had not engaged in unprotected sex with any other females since being diagnosed as HIV positive. He later changed his statement during the signing of the affidavit when he 'remembered' the occurrence in Mexico. He was found guilty for this false official statement to CID.

After the conviction of all charges, minus one charge of aggravated assault,

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July

Fort Huachuca's Chief of Staff bids farewell

BYNELDRUMHELLER
SCOUT STAFF

Fitting the stereotypical mold has never been Col. Susan A. Browning's way.

As a young girl in New Jersey, when her friends were playing with dolls, she would take on enemy forces one day and the wild west the next while switching from Soldier to cowboy. Further breaking against traditional female career goals, she became a student pilot in her teens and tried to forge her future by talking to an Air

Force recruiter when she was 15. The recruiter sent her home and told her to come back when she was a senior in high school.

According to Browning, whose retirement ceremony was July 1, she began down a path setting a standard for jointness when she enlisted in the Air Force with dreams of flying. The Air Force made her a communications specialist, which didn't exactly meet the demands of this headstrong woman with an eye on the sky.

"I was told I was too independent to be in the military," Brown-

ing described her exit counseling from the Air Force. It was a remarkable evaluation of a woman who went on to make the military her life and most recently was the chief of staff, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

Browning's next military step was in Florida, where she attended Embry Riddle University, earning a bachelor of science in aviation management. While in Florida she signed up with the Naval Air Reserves.

According to Browning, her route to her Army career was circuitous. Her tenure in white opened the door for her to meet veterans returning from the war in Vietnam. Browning said she was moved by her talks with the veterans, and especially those who served in the Army. She said after meeting the returning Soldiers, she knew the Army was for her.

She wanted to be in the Army, but there weren't any slots for officers. So Browning enlisted again. "This was in the days of direct commissions," she said. "One day I was a spec 4, the next day a second lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps."

Browning was now on her road to being a military intelligence officer in the Army. "I came to Fort Huachuca [for training]. MI had just moved here," she recalled.

Browning met her husband in the classroom, "Jim was an instructor; that was before the issues of fraternization," she explained. "One of the first things he said to our class was 'One thing I hate more than MI second lieutenants is female second lieutenants.'" Apparently the former aviator and infantry officer, now a retired Army major, changed his mind. The Brownings will be married 30 years in August.

She was in the sand in Desert Storm when she faced her make or break point as an officer. She admits that taking Soldiers into harm's way is as hard as it gets. "The Soldiers were my responsibility," she said of her crossdesert trek, to get fuel from point A to point B, with no road to follow. There were uncleared ordnance, enemy soldiers and the elements to contend with.

Browning remembers giving her Soldiers a talk before they headed out into the uncharted ter-

ritory, recalls the humility in which she accepted their confidence in her and her fear at letting them down. "I remember just praying that I wouldn't fail, that I was up to the task of leadership," she admitted.

She was trained as an MI officer, but the tasking she faced required infantry officer skills. She faced her Soldiers, knowing they expected her to know what to do because she was a major. She told the convoy to follow the tracks of the vehicle in front of them allowing a safe distance between vehicles. In the lead vehicle she looked out on the unmarked, vast expanse and prepared to depart when her driver asked her, "Whose tracks are we following?" Bottom line is, she delivered the fuel.

Browning insists her rise in ranks was due entirely to the work and examples set by others. "I was always the person most surprised when my name was on a promotion list," she said.

How do you walk away from more than three decades of service to a nation? With tears in her eyes, she admits quietly, "I will be leaving my heart and soul."



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Col. Susan Browning salutes the colors at her retirement ceremony.

August

Garrison conducts first ever Commandant's Competition

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Soldiers of U.S. Army Garrison, including Headquarters, Headquarters Company, the 36th Army Band and the 18th Military Police Detachment, competed in the first ever Commandant's Competition on Aug. 13, the brainchild of the commandant, Maj. Ronald Davis.

The competition was created to foster an esprit de corps within the individual groups as well as the entire garrison component, said Capt. Randolph Morgan, commander, 18th MP Det. The competition also fostered friendly competition between the Soldiers who were chatting and boasting during breaks between events.

The series of events began at 4 a.m. and ran until about 11 a.m. and included a physical training test, an approximately 5 mile ruck march, common task skills testing and skeet shooting. The skeet shoot was a secret event, not revealed until just before the competition to put all the players on a level playing field. HHC and the MPs both entered two teams in

the competition and the band entered one.

HHC's teams were chosen based on their PT test scores and their willingness to volunteer and try, said Capt. John Guerrero, commander.

The MP's teams were divided somewhat differently. One MP team was the small group of Soldiers training for the exhausting MP Warfighter event at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., later this year and the other were Soldiers hand picked by the MP first sergeant based on recommendations and PT performance, said Sgt. 1st Class Rodrigo Fernandez, operations sergeant, 18th MP Det. The Warfighter Soldiers have been training daily for the past two months for the Warfighter competition.

The HHC teams on the other hand, were only performing intensive training one month prior. "We tried to train them by anticipating the events they'd be competing in and train them to better perform those tasks," said Sgt. Matthew Tovar, Ladybug team leader.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Spc. Felicia Carlson, most valuable player, makes her way through the obstacle course.

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Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Presidential citation

The Navy and Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation Streamer was awarded to Company C, 40th Signal Battalion in a ceremony on March 25. Col. Brian R. Hurley was the commander of the 11th Signal Brigade.

September Army training to be adopted

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

"We don't put troops on the ground, but we put eyes in the air," said Sgt. 1st Class Eddis Wakefield. Imagery analysts, armed with AK-47s, video surveillance, rocket-propelled grenades and claymore mines, took off to Site Maverick for a five-day field training exercise that would put their imagery and Soldier skills to the test while setting the standard for imagery analysis training for the U.S. Armed Forces.

Eleven Soldiers from Company A, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion brushed up on Soldier skills and perfected imagery and intelligence techniques and tactics at the same time, said Wakefield, a senior instructor for the imagery analyst course. "All Soldier tasks are specialized for their MOS [military occupational specialty]," Wakefield said.

For example, the Soldiers performed their land navigation tasks under the scenario of transporting classified information from point A to point B. That way, the Soldiers get to freshen up their land navigation skills while learning how to transport classified information on their persons.

The reasoning behind the meshed training, Wakefield said, is to prepare Soldiers for scenarios they're likely to encounter when deployed. Instead of stopping MOS training to do common task training, it's more logical to integrate it.

"Stop-and-go training, that's not real for Soldiers. We have to make it real," Wakefield said as he looked around the room at his Soldiers, in their protective masks, analyzing unmanned aerial vehicle footage from Bosnia, Af-

ghanistan and Iraq.

The footage currently being used is pre-recorded and security cleared, but, Wakefield said, the plans to utilize live, real-time footage for training is in the works.

The Soldiers were also operating on minimal sleep so they could acquire a semi-accurate idea of their performance under duress, Wakefield said.

This FTX is so effective in teaching and evaluating imagery analysis skills, the Department of the Air Force is looking to Company A to help them create a similar exercise for their Airmen, Wakefield said.

During this FTX, Wakefield and his associates were also working on documenting the training for release to the Navy's imagery school and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

These organizations are keen to pick up full motion video training, a very important and very useful piece of intelligence the Army has developed and is in the process of implementing, Wakefield said. The Army is the only service in the Department of Defense that teaches full motion video analysis to their analysts. Soon nation level analysts will be taught how to use full motion video via the Army's course, Wakefield said.

The full motion video is streaming straight from the UAVs and the analyst is there to provide real time intelligence to the ground combat commander, Wakefield said. The full motion video analysis capabilities also assist in surveillance activities such as observing certain countries to look for indications of them readying for war, he added.

Analysts also create maps of potential combat areas

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June Gen. Marks says good-bye to fort, Army

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The first time I met Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, I had been at Fort Huachuca about eight days. I was a brand new Soldier and journalist and he was my first interview.

As I was sitting in the command group waiting area, I was sick to my stomach and shaking.

When it came time to go into his office, I realized I was about to interview a two-star general and my mouth went dry.

My non-commissioned officer in charge told Marks how

nervous I was and how he was my very first interview and Marks smiled. He told me there was nothing to worry about and that he put his pants on the same way that everyone else does. Marks told me to just act like he was my dad, but I figured that he didn't want me cursing at him and slamming the door on my way out of the room.

Marks made a great first impression upon one young Soldier just starting out in the Army, perhaps a better impression than he got upon his arrival at Fort Huachuca from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

"My first impression of the 'real' Army was as low as it gets," Marks said. "What I saw was a lack of professional competence and morals, maybe on the part of just a few officers and NCOs, but I had to make a choice (about the

Army)."

Fresh out of West Point, Marks was at a fork in the road. Would he go do something else just because he didn't like his first taste of the Army or would he try to make a difference in the Army?

As Marks retires June 17, after 29 years, three months and 27 days of service, I guess we know the answer.

"It's most important to me that the Army has continued to let me serve," Marks said. "You don't get to be in the Army as long as I've been unless they want to keep you around."

It's a good thing for both the Army, and for Marks, that

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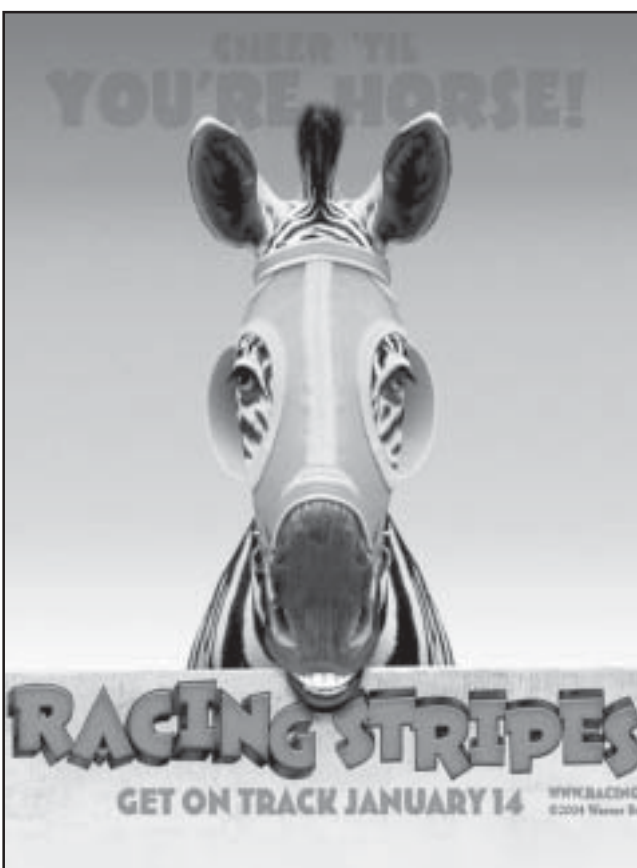
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Thursday – AN, AU, AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Friday – AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Saturday – T1, T1A, T2
 Sunday – No Closures
 Monday – AW
 Tuesday – AW, T1, T1A, T2
 Wednesday – T1, T1A, T2

For more information on Range Closures call, Range Control 533-7095.

Free movie screening

A free pre-screening of the movie “Racing Stripes” will be held 2 p.m. Sun. at Cochise Theater.



Tickets will be available at the Anthony's Pizza in the Mini Mall and the Post Exchange customer service area on Sat.

Distribution will be on a first come first serve basis. Please arrive early for the showing.

General seating will be available 30 minutes prior to show time.

For more information on this movie, visit racingstripesmovie.warnerbros.com.

CFC campaign results

2004 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) as of Oct. 14 the people of Fort Huachuca have donated \$58,625.00 to the CFC. The goal this year is 430,000 and the campaign ended on Nov. 4.

The goal for 2004 is \$430,000; contributors exceeded last year's goal of \$355,000 by more than \$64,000.

For more information, call Rachel Thorne at 520-533-6928.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed for participation in a community choir. This choir will perform at the post-wide Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center on Jan. 20.

For more information, call F.J. Campbell at 533-3151/2003 or Sgt. 1st Class Hunter at 533-1717.

MLK luncheon

The Fort Huachuca military community presents a post-wide commemoration luncheon in honor of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The theme for the event is “How Does a Man of Peace Fight?” It will be held at the Thunder Mountain Activity Center on Jan. 20 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The guest speaker for this event will be the Honorable Ronald A. Wilson, chief presiding judge for the city of South Tucson. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.

For more information or tickets, call the Military Equal Opportunity Office at 533-1717/3696/5305.

New MWR program

SKIESUnlimited is an acronym for “School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration, and Skills” with the word “Unlimited” for the unlimited possibilities this program can offer Army children and youth.

SKIESUnlimited encompasses instructional programs for children and youth from toddler to adolescence.

For more information about the Fort Huachuca **SKIES**Unlimited program call, our Instructional Program Specialist, Robin Gabert, at 533-0710.

Retirement ceremony

There will be an Installation Retirement Ceremony on Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. at Chaffee Parade Field. Any military or civilians retirees may stand in this ceremony by contacting the USAIC&FH Protocol Office at 533-1232 and filling out an information form.

For more information, call Suzette Krusemark at 533-3185 or email Suzette.Krusemark@us.army.mil.

All requests must be into Ms. Krusemark no later than close of business on Jan. 14.

Tax Center

Be a Volunteer for the Fort Huachuca Tax Center and help assist Soldiers, military retirees, and their families with their 2004 Income Tax filing. No experience necessary, training provided and flexible hours. Volunteer are needed by Jan. 20.

For more information please call 533-2009.

Package supplies

The U.S. Postal Service offers free packing materials to spouses and families of deployed Soldiers.

To request free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels for care packages, call 800-610-8734.

Most of these supplies may also be ordered online at <http://supplies.usps.gov>.

Employment opportunity

The Home Depot has unveiled a new program to hire military retirees, veterans and military spouses nationwide. The Home Depot hired nearly 10,000 veterans in 2003 and they expect to surpass that number by a wide margin in 2004. For more information, visit www.homedepot.com.

Chaplain's Corner

Protestant Sunday Services

8 a.m.	Episcopal - Main Post Chapel
9:20 a.m.	Gospel - Kino Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Protestant - Prosser Village Chapel
11 a.m.	Cross Roads Service - Cochise Theater
11 a.m.	Collective Protestant - Main Post Chapel
3:30 p.m.	ALPHA- Prosser Village Chapel

Roman Catholic Worship

Mon.-Fri.	Mass 11:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Sat.	Confession 4 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Sat.	Mass 5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
Sun.	Mass 9:30 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
Sun.	Mass 11:30 a.m.	Kino Chapel

Jewish Worship

Fri.	7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel, Room 24
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Catholic

Main Post Chapel	CCD — Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Adult Apologetics	— Sun. 10:45 a.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Fri. 3 p.m.- 6 p.m.
Choir Practice	— Fri. 6:30 p.m.
Korean OCIA	— Fri. 7p.m.
MCCW -1st Fri.	7 p.m.

Youth Ministries

Middle School	4 p.m.-5 p.m.	Main Post Chapel
High School	5:30-7 p.m.	Main Post Chapel

Protestant

Main Post Chapel	
PWOC	Tues. 9 a.m.
Sunday School	Sun. 9:30 a.m.
Kino Chapel	
Bible Study/Choir Practice	Thurs. 6 p.m.
Men's Choir Rehearsal	Tues. 7 p.m.

Youth Fellowship

Third and fourth	Sat. 9 a.m.
Women's Choir	2nd Tues. 7 p.m.
Women's Book Fellowship	1st Fri. 7 p.m.

Muslim Prayer

Fri.	11:30 p.m.	Main Post Chapel, Room 30
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Buddhist Weekly Teaching

Tues.	6:30 p.m.	Prosser Village Chapel
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Orthodox Divine Liturgy

Sun.	10 a.m.	Main Post Chapel
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Latter Day Saints Service

Sun.	1:30 p.m.	Prosser Village Chapel
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he decided to stay around.

"If I wasn't in the Army, I'd be selling used cars on Long Island (N.Y.), wearing a plaid suit and looking like an idiot," Marks said.

And Marks has left quite an impact on the Army. For a Soldier whose change of command ceremony was on Sept. 11, 2001, a day of infamy and tragedy, he's had quite a successful command.

Marks prides himself on having increased the relevance of intelligence training to the approximately 15,000 Soldiers (up from 11,000) who are trained on Fort Huachuca every year.

He said his greatest achievement was listening to the needs of the military intelligence community and incorporating it into the classroom.

It's strange that Marks will be retiring from Fort Huachuca where he has formed such strong bonds with the communities both inside and outside the fort's gates, when, as a young Soldier, he had no idea what Fort Huachuca's relevance to the guys in the field was.

"I thought Fort Huachuca ex-

isted in splendid isolation," Marks said.

It wasn't until he worked for the commanding general of the 7th Infantry Division, who made all his officers keep in touch with their branch schools, that he realized just what an impact the intelligence center really had. The officers would relay information from the field back to their training centers to inject the lessons with real world experience.

Marks would like his time here and his input and achievements to form a legacy versus a legend.

"A legend is an individual, someone with a persona larger in passing than it really was," Marks explained. "A legacy is left behind in the Soldiers and families you've touched."

And Marks will miss those Soldiers, who'll always remember him as the personable and smiling commanding general.

"To the Soldiers, thank you. It's not corny, it's how I feel, it's how I was raised as a kid and

how I was raised as a Soldier," Marks said. "It's absolutely the right thing to routinely embrace and hug your Soldiers and say thanks for what you do. I can't pay you enough, I can't give you enough time off and I ask you to do the impossible, so thank you."

Marks will also miss the weather and vistas of this part of the country that he's abandoning to live in Northern Virginia. He said that he'll miss waking up early and going running to the cross above the cemetery and hearing reveille echo up there and watching the flag be raised from that perch on the hill.

"I'm using the coping method of treating this like another permanent change of station," Marks said. "It's a very raw decision (to retire) and it's very tough to make. But if I didn't retire now I wouldn't have the chance to do anything else and I want to keep contributing (to society) and keep the juices flowing."

Marks will be working for a civilian company back east.

His decision to retire is both personal and professional. Marks, who's 51, said he's the kind of person who would serve in uniform for another eight years. He said the Army is at a very critical nexus with the Global War on Terrorism, which is redefining the ways we fight and train. Marks prophesizes that GWOT will be a generational battle and he just can't stay to see it through.

"When do I ever say it's time to go? If I didn't make this decision to transition (into the civilian workforce) now, I probably wouldn't make that decision for six, seven, eight years."

For officers hoping to some day make it to the ranks of general officer, Marks said don't try to climb the ladder of success, just keep your eye on the prize and you'll get there. "Just do your job and stay focused and you'll be on an escalator (to success)."

Marks tells all Soldiers, every rank and every job, the same thing, "stay focused on the task

at hand. Soldiers have a thousand things going on every minute between home and work," Marks said.

"When you reach the age of Spider Marks, it's called the complications of living.

"You have to understand that environment exists and there's always going to be complications, but if you stay focused, magnificent things happen. Soldiers grow and develop and mature, families stay together and children grow and learn," he explained.

Brig. Gen. Warner Sumpter, of the Maryland National Guard, and the deputy commanding general for the reserve components of the USAIC&FH, took over command of USAIC&FH.

After his retirement ceremony, Marks can leave on a positive note, knowing that he did leave an impact on the Army. The post-Vietnam Army that disgusted him as a young man has become, in his eyes, an Army of "great talent" and a "magnificent" military intelligence corps.

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based on information relayed from satellite, UAV and other forms of observation, Wakefield said. These maps offer support to the engineers to assist them in building tunnels, blowing up structures and locating and marking landmines.

"We have an insight into the world that other people do not," Wakefield said. "No one else gets this perspective."

For the initial entry trainees and reclassifying Soldiers, the FTX marks their first time using the full motion video, Wakefield said. The analysts have various missions throughout the five days that finish off in a cumulative final assignment which covers every aspect from observing imagery to making detailed annotations describing a video scene.

The Soldiers also get a significant amount of experience in analyzing, which is more than just staring at the screen and picking up details, Wakefield said.

"The key to analysis is knowing history," he said. "If you understand the history behind it you'll understand what you're seeing. You'll know where they're coming from and you'll know where they're going."



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Spc. Joel Garzelloni posts guard outside the Soldier's sleeping area during a simulated nuclear, biological, chemical attack.

October

Fallen Soldier, mother honored

BYSPC.JOYPARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

The state of Arizona laid two American heroes to rest on Friday.

Under skies that were bright despite the somber affair, Spc. Robert Unruh, 25, who died while serving his country, and his mother, Karen Unruh-Wahrer, 45, were entombed beside each

other at Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

Unruh, a combat engineer, died Sept. 25 in Al Anbar Province, Iraq, when enemy forces using small arms fire attacked his unit.

Unruh was assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion from Camp Howze, Korea. His mother, a respiratory therapist in Tucson, collapsed hours after viewing her son's

body on Oct. 2, and passed away later that night.

Unruh's sister Aime Unruh sat hand in hand with her father throughout the ceremony and accepted posthumous awards for her brother.

Brig. Gen. Joseph Schrodel, commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division presented Unruh's Purple

Heart, Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal to his sister.

"As a leader, anytime we lose a Soldier, it's like losing a son or daughter," Schrodel said. "No words can express the gratitude of our nation and Army families [to Unruh]."

The family was also presented a flag from Arizona governor Janet Napolitano.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want, He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul," read Chaplain (Maj.) Thomas McFarland from Psalm 23 to family, friends and other mourners.

"Even though I walk, through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me." He also read a poem written in memory of Unruh by battle buddy Pfc. Paul Cheek.

The Fort Huachuca Select Honor Guard was in at-



Photos by Elizabeth Davie

Annie Unruh, sister of the fallen Soldier, expects a flag at his memorial service.

tendance and fired a 21 gun salute for the fourth generation Soldier, who became the first casualty from the war in Iraq to be interred there.



Sgt. Richard Mitchell and Cpl. Daniel Shufflin render honors to a fallen comrade.

November

Fort bids farewell to Chief of Military Intelligence

BYSPC.JOYPARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Fort Huachuca bid farewell to the Chief of the Military Intelligence Corps when Chief Warrant Officer Lon Castleton retired Oct. 29 after 32 years of dedicated service to the Army.

The Thunder Mountain Activity Centre was filled with family, friends and other well wishers. Photos of Castleton throughout the years gave his retirement luncheon a very warm, personal tone.

Many of Castleton's seven children and thirteen grandchildren were in attendance at his luncheon, along with his wife Connie, who he met while working with the super secret Great Skill Program in Maryland.

Castleton's peers, superiors and subordinates alike shared jokes, stories and kind words about the retiring warrant officer who was draft motivated to join the Army.

According to Castleton, he entered the Army when we were fighting communism and he's leaving as we're fighting terrorism.

Castleton started his career as a transportation movement specialist and his first duty station was at Fort Huachuca's transportation office, which still stands where it was when he worked there.

Castleton soon transferred over to military intelligence and

throughout his career, he worked both counterintelligence and human intelligence collection. Castleton achieved the rank of staff sergeant and was on the list for promotion to sergeant first class before he put in his warrant officer packet.

"People tend to listen to your ideas more when you're a warrant officer," he said. "It seems you have a little more credibility."

Castleton worked for 13 years with the Great Skill Program, a special military intelligence organization. He received two "spook" statues for his "silent service" at his retirement from Great Skill colleagues.

At 42 years old, Castleton attended jump school and earned his wings. "The black hats thought I was crazy," he laughed.

In a very unusual turn of events, Castleton was released from the Great Skill Program, which is very rare, he said, and returned to Fort Huachuca to oversee the military intelligence training. Shortly after, he was given the position of chief of the Military Intelligence Corps.

At the request of Maj. Gen. James "Spider" Marks, former commanding general of Fort Huachuca, Castleton deployed to Baghdad to assist in interrogations. Although he already had his retirement orders in hand, Castleton volunteered for the Iraq assignment, even before the general requested his service.

"Sitting face to face with these insurgents who absolutely

hate Americans – that was challenging," Castleton said. "I was very impressed with the dedication of all the Soldiers over there."

"They made me proud to be a member of the best Army the world has ever known." Castleton's motivation to join the Army came from a desire to get his education.

In his years of service, the chief of the military intelligence corps has seen his fellow warrant officers grow and change into the leaders they are regarded as today. Warrant officers, Castleton said, used to sit at their desk, reading the paper, drinking coffee, smoking their pipes and dispensing knowledge. The position of the warrant officer today, he said, is much more involved. They're Soldiers first, and then officers and lastly they're technicians. Warrant officers are now a much bigger part of Soldier training, he said.

"Warrant officers have not so much changed as they've expanded their realm of influence." Castleton received a letter at his luncheon, read by Deputy Commanding General Col. Brian Keller, from his deployed comrades in Iraq. One of those comrades was former 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Commander Col. Michael Flynn.

It read, "Thanks for the example you set for all Soldiers...Your loyalty, duty, technical and tactical proficiency and your courage under fire...Thanks for just being a great American."



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

You're on TV!

The Phoenix based wake-up show Good Morning Arizona visited troops and highlighted Fort Huachuca's many attributes in August as part of their summertime "road-trip" feature, which takes the show's hosts around the state to highlight parts of Arizona that few people get to see or take the time to notice.

Navy set to ship Sailors from Morse code course

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS DONALD SPARKS
SCOUT STAFF

Citing a reduced requirement for training, the Center for Cryptology Corry Station is closing its detachment at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center by end of fiscal year 2005.

CC Commanding Officer Capt. Kevin Hooley said the Navy will cease participation in two of three courses offered at Fort Huachuca, resulting in the annual student load of approximately 100-180 per year to 30.

"A primary goal of the Chief of Naval Operations Revolution in Training is to produce the most effective fighting force as effectively as possible," Hooley said.

"My top priorities are to give the Fleet a ready Sailor and to use the Navy's resources wisely. This move satisfies both — it aligns the "A" school course and the follow-on Morse code course at a single site, providing the Sailor a more seamless training experience."

The impact of the Sailors departing the Intel Center will be very minimal according to 111th Military Intelligence Brigade Commander Col. Thomas Kelley. "They're the smaller of the services here," Kelley said.

"The Air Force is the largest sister service followed by the Marines here training. As far as impact goes on how we train our training base, this is going to have a minimal impact."

Kelley mentioned he had talked to Chief Warrant Officer Mark

Countryman, Navy detachment commander, and concluded the Intel Center would not suffer with the Navy's departure.

"We're still going to continue to train 98 Golfs [Cryptologic linguists] from the Army perspective," Countryman said. "Also the Marines and Air Force will still send their folks here to do 98 Hotel [Communications Interceptor/Locator] training. The only change we're looking at concerning the short to mid term range is that the 98H name will change. They will now be a 98G "Alpha" but they will still be training in Morse."

Countryman said the Navy has been conducting Manual Morse code training on the fort since July 1993.

Kelley mentioned the Morse code craft still has a role on the modern and future battlefield in intelligence gathering and the decision was made that Soldiers serving as cryptologic linguists and voice interceptors will become the Prophet operators. Because there are plenty of communication interceptors/locators, some will come back to Fort Huachuca to reclassify, but there will be a need to maintain the Soldiers assigned to 98H because Morse still has some validity.

Despite the departure of most of the Sailors, Kelley said the Intel Center will remain a purple environment for training all servicemembers. Kelley said the school house is the executive agent for the military intelligence training for all communications interceptors/locators, just as the Air Force

is for 98C [Signal intelligence analyst] and 98G at Goodfellow Air Force Base, and the Navy is for training 98K [signals collection/identification analyst] at Pensacola.

"From a joint perspective, everything we do now is geared towards joint training. In fact we're trying to expand it a bit," Kelley said. "You're going to see more of that in our training at the Joint Intelligence Combat Training center we have. We're going to try to get more interagency services to come in, but the Navy has made a decision to be more effective in the way that they train."

Recalling his tenure at Fort Huachuca as the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion commander, Kelley said the relationship with the Navy detachment has always been great and had "good synergy."

"Our staff loves working with the Army and other Services," Countryman said. "The Army has taken good care of our needs and has been an excellent host. We will miss the close-knit community and outstanding Army support."

"However, closing the detachment and moving the Manual Morse training back to Pensacola will save the Navy millions of dollars in the long run and will reduce the number of personnel required to conduct this training."

(Editor's note: Darlene Goodwin, Center for Cryptology Public Affairs Officer contributed to this article.)

December

Hizer takes command of B troop

BY SPC. CREIGHTON HOLUB
SCOUT STAFF

The B Troop, 4th Cavalry Regiment (Memorial) commander for the last 13 months changed over command to a fellow B Trooper Friday afternoon at Brown Parade Field.

Retired Chief Warrant Officer Jay Hizer, Joint Interoperability Test Command, succeeded Pete Criscuolo, Network Enterprise Technology Command. Criscuolo has been a B Trooper since June 1998. He has held ranks of corporal, quartermaster sergeant, first ser-

geant and executive officer for B Troop.

"I think I was the first pure civilian commander," Criscuolo said. "Now I'm the platoon sergeant. My primary responsibility is the training program."

"I've learned a lot about myself doing stuff with B Troop. I've gotten a much better understanding of the military."

This will be Hizer's first tour in B Troop as the commander. He first saw B Troop as a Soldier in the 11th Signal Brigade while at Fort Huachuca from 1994-1996.

"There are only a couple of Army posts that have a horse cavalry unit," Hizer said. "To command a troop like this, even though it is an honorary function, because it's all volunteers it's pretty rare."

B Troop formed in mid-1973 to keep alive the heritage of Fort Huachuca's cavalry beginnings. The troop originally was only a post ceremonial unit. Today, the members regularly attend civilian events and appear off post more often than on.

For more information about B Troop, call Chris Zimmerman at 538-2576.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie



Service News



Armor procurement on schedule

The Army will meet its requirement of 8,105 up-armored Humvees by March 2005, has equipped all deployed Soldiers and DoD civilians with Interceptor Body Armor, and has also developed a more flexible system for meeting field commander's equipment needs.

In a roundtable discussion with members of the media Dec. 30, Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management, and other members of the Army staff discussed the procurement of material and armor for both vehicles and people in theater.

Sorenson said the issue of providing armor for vehicles has evolved as the conflict in Iraq has changed mission requirements.

"On the march to Baghdad, we had mostly armored-type vehicles, tanks, Bradleys or whatever" Sorenson said. "After that, the Army wanted to be less obtrusive and made a conscious decision to lower that to one-third of the force and go to motorized vehicles."

He said the threat that developed from improvised explosive devices, known as IEDs, drove the need for additional up-armored vehicles.

More than 6,000 factory-produced up-armored Humvees are already in the CENTCOM area of operations, Sorenson said. Of the other Humvees there, roughly 80 percent — or about 10,500 — now have been equipped with armor, either at the factory or via field installation.

'Andro' supplement off limits in new year

Airmen who take androstenedione to increase muscle

mass will soon have to ditch the supplement and just do extra repetitions at the gym.

Under a new law that takes effect Jan. 20, androstenedione will be classified as a Schedule III controlled substance. Schedule III substances are those defined by the government as having a potential for abuse. The drug, commonly called "andro," is used by bodybuilders to help build mass, said Col. (Dr.) Vincent F. Carr, the Air Force's chief consultant for internal medicine services.

Coast Guard provides relief

The U.S. Coast Guard launched a C-130 airplane from Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, Monday to transport emergency supplies and Coast Guard personnel for humanitarian assistance to the citizens of South Asia.

The primary cargo being provided will consist of food, water, and emergency medical and shelter supplies.

Coast Guard personnel will make initial assessments of hazardous materials and conditions in the vicinity of Sri Lanka, Indonesia, the Maldives, Malaysia and Thailand. The team will provide assessments of clean-up requirements and long term support for any sustained operations in the affected region.

Navy provide humanitarian assistance

The multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) cut short its port visit to Guam Dec. 28 and set sail for South Asia to provide humanitarian assistance to the disaster stricken region.

Bonhomme Richard will join several other Navy ships

in the area or en route after an earthquake followed by a massive tsunami paralyzed the region Dec. 26.

"This is one of our missions, and we are ready to do our part," said Capt. J. Scott Jones, commanding officer of the San Diego-based ship. "Our condolences and hearts go out to the victims of the earthquake and tsunamis. We are eager to lend them a hand and mitigate suffering."

Along with combat operations, maritime interdiction operations, non-combatant evacuations, and a variety of other missions, Bonhomme Richard and her embarked Marines from the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) (Special Operations Capable) trained for humanitarian assistance operations as recently as November during their Joint Task Force Exercise.

Military to support tsunami relief efforts

U.S. Pacific Command is sending a forward command element to Utapao, Thailand, to establish the command, control and communication structure for Joint Task Force 536.

The United States intends to use a Thai military facility as a regional support center for emergency and medical personnel providing assistance throughout the region as well as a staging area for U.S. military and rescue aircraft, forensic experts, and other relief assistance.

The focus of the mission will be to prevent further loss of life and human suffering by expeditiously applying resources to the overall relief effort.

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The competition met its mark for fostering team and garrison unity. Soldiers helped each other accomplish difficult obstacles and opposing teams cheered each other on to boost motivation.

"The purpose to all this is to build cohesion within the garrison and inspire competitiveness through training and inspire a fighting spirit within Soldiers," Tovar said.

The teams all competed through hunger, tiredness and pain, but only one team could be named the Commandant's Competition winner and receive the trophy. Second place winner, the Ladybugs, and fifth place winner, the Pumas, had no members who had ever trained for or competed in any competition like this, said Tovar. But, carrying them through was their incorrigible team spirit and cohesion.

"It's not the strongest, but the most cohesive team that wins," Guerrero said. "And they did outstanding. Team cohesion was at its maximum."

The Military police officers excelled in all areas of the competition and first place went to the MP Warfighter team and the MP's other team took third. Warfighter, with Spc. Jonathan Bentley, Spc. Michael Holt, Pfc. Kenneth Johnson and Sgt. Adriana Barrios, went confidently into the competition with expert weapons firers and

PT studs while the second team was mostly comprised of noncommissioned officers who have an "unmeasureable will to survive and win," Fernandez said. According to Fernandez, the MP teams also had no identifiable weaknesses. The team followed a varying training schedule which was designed and blessed by 1st Sgt. Julius Gonzales, a fitness master, Fernandez said.

"All my Soldiers stepped up," Morgan said. "I'm so proud of my teams." The band placed fourth.

Pfc. Felicia Carlson, received her first Army Achievement Medal following the competition after being named most valuable player for showing skill, attitude, mental toughness and a desire to carry on when hurting, said Davis.

Present at as many events as they could find their way to, were non-competing Soldiers from the band, the MPs and HHC.

"The rest of the detachment was great," Morgan said. "If they weren't actively patrolling Fort Huachuca, they were out here supporting their teams in any way they can."

"We really appreciated the presence of the company," Guerrero said. He said he also thinks that seeing the competition first hand will persuade other Soldiers in the company to join the team.

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Houck's victims took the witness stand to describe what they had gone through over the past six months. One victim testified she turned to her family for support, while the other two said they went through the testing as quietly as possible.

Houck's actions have affected them dramatically.

"This is with me every single day," said one of the victims. "I don't feel like it will ever be over."

Houck's mother, Susan McGuire, took the stand in defense of her son's sentence.

McGuire discovered her son's condition through a letter in the mail from a blood bank. Stories of an honor student and outstanding baseball player didn't change the sentence. McGuire's request to take her son home and take care of him was denied.

After his mother left the stand in tears, Houck rose to read a letter which he had written, apologizing for his actions and asking for forgiveness.

"I accept full responsibility for my misconduct," he said. "I sincerely wanted to be a positive and outstanding Soldier. Now I've been cursed with this horrible condition," Houck struggled to continue. "All I'm asking for is to take my life back."

The prosecution closed with remarks of Houck's irresponsible and selfish behavior, how he took "no positive action to prevent the spread of HIV," and endangered the lives of three young women.

The defense said "Houck should only be punished for what has happened, not what could have."

Sposato handed down a sentence of reduction to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for 13 years, but with the plea agreement Houck will serve seven years and one day.

"He knew how to modify his behavior, but chose not to," Stafford said.

Ultimate sacrifice paid in support of OIF

Sgt. 1st Class Pedro A. Munoz, 47, of Aquada, Puerto Rico, died Sunday in Shindand, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained Jan. 1 when his patrol encountered enemy fire. Munoz was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Jeff LeBrun, 21, from Buffalo, N.Y., died Saturday in Baghdad, Iraq, when his military vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. LeBrun was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Lance Cpl. Brian P. Parrello, 19, of West Milford, N.J. and **Lance Cpl. Jason E. Smith**, 21, of Phoenix, Ariz. died Friday, and Parrello died Jan. 1, both as result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Smith was assigned to 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Parrello was assigned to Small Craft Company, Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sgt. Damien T. Ficek, 26, from Pullman, Wash., died Dec. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, when his patrol was attacked by enemy forces using small arms fire. Ficek was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment, Spokane, Wash.

Spc. Craig L. Nelson, 21, from Bossier City, La., died Dec. 29 at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., of injuries sustained Dec. 16 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. Nelson was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, Shreveport, La.

Pfc. Oscar Sanchez, 19, from Modesto, Calif., died Dec. 29 in Mosul, Iraq, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device struck his observation post. Sanchez was assigned to 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash.

Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston, Va., died in Baghdad, Iraq on Dec. 28, when a civilian vehicle struck his military vehicle. Nyren was assigned to the Army's 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in Fort Hood, Texas.

Lance Cpl. Joshua W. Dickinson, 25, of Pasco, Fla., died Dec. 12 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Navy Seaman Pablito Pena Briones, Jr., 22, of Anaheim, Calif., died Dec. 28 of a non-hostile gun shot wound in Fallujah, Iraq. Briones was assigned to 1st Marine Division Detachment, Naval Medical Center San Diego.

The incident is under investigation.

Staff Sgt. Jason A. Lehto, 31, of Mount Clemens, Mich., died Dec. 28 in a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Lehto was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's Marine Wing Support Group 47, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Spc. Jose A. Rivera-Serrano, 26, from Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, died Dec. 27 in Baghdad, Iraq, from wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. Rivera-Serrano was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Todd D. Olson, 36, from Loyal, Wis., died Dec. 27 in the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Tikrit, Iraq from wounds sustained in Samarra, Iraq on Dec. 26, when an improvised explosive device detonated. Olson was assigned to the National Guard's 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry Regiment, Neillsville, Wis.

Lance Cpl. Eric Hillenburg, 21, of Marion, Ind., **Lance Cpl. James R. Phillips**, 21, of Hillsboro, Fla. and **Cpl. Raleigh C. Smith**, 21, of Lincoln, Mont. died Dec. 23 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. They were assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, of Arlington, Va., died in Mosul, Iraq on Dec. 21, when the dining facility was attacked. Baldwin was assigned to Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 77, Gulfport, Miss.

1st Lt. Christopher W. Barnett, 32, of Baton Rouge, La., died Dec. 23 in Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his military vehicle. Barnett was assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 156th Armor Regiment, 256th Brigade Combat Team, Shreveport, La. The incident is under investigation.

Capt. William W. Jacobsen Jr., 31, of Charlotte, N.C., 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash., **Sgt. Maj. Robert D. O'Dell**, 38, of Manassas, Va., United States Army Intelligence & Security Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., **Sgt. 1st Class Paul D. Karpowich**, 30, of Bridgeport, Pa., Army Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 390th Infantry Regiment, Webster, N.Y., **Staff Sgt. Julian S. Melo**, 47, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash., **Staff Sgt. Darren D. VanKomen**, 33, of Bluefield, W.Va., 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash., **Staff Sgt. Robert S. Johnson**, 23, of Castro Valley, Calif., 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash., **Sgt. Lynn R. Poulin Sr.**, 47, of Freedom, Maine, Army National Guard's 133rd Engineer Battalion, Belfast, Maine., **Spc. Jonathan Castro**, 21, of Corona, Calif., 73rd Engineer Company, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash., **Spc. Thomas J. Dostie**, 20, of Sommerville, Maine, Army National Guard's 133rd Engineer Battalion, Portland, Maine., **Spc. Cory M. Hewitt**, 26, of Stewart, Tenn., 705th Ordnance Company, Fort Polk, La., **Spc. Nicholas C. Mason**, 20, of King George, Va., Army National Guard's 276th Engineer Battalion, West Point, Va., **Spc. David A. Ruhren**, 20, of Stafford, Va., Army National Guard's 276th Engineer Battalion, West Point, Va. and **Pfc. Lionel Ayro**, 22, of Jeanerette, La., 73rd Engineer Company, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash. died Dec. 21 in Mosul, Iraq, when their dining facility was attacked.

Lance Cpl. Neil D. Petsche, 21, of Lena, Ill., died Dec. 21 due to injuries received in a non-hostile vehicle incident in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. Petsche was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment,

1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Donald B. Farmer, 33, of Zion, Ill. and **Sgt. Berry K. Meza**, 23, of League City, Texas died Dec. 19 in Shuaybah, Kuwait, when a vehicle struck them. Both soldiers were assigned to the 180th Transportation Battalion, 13th Corps Support Command, Fort Hood, Texas.

Lance Cpl. Franklin A. Sweger, 24, of San Antonio, Texas, died Dec. 16 as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Spc. Victor A. Martinez, 21, from Bronx, N.Y., died Dec. 14 south of Baghdad, Iraq, from a gunshot wound. Martinez was assigned to the 364th Supply Company, 264th Corps Support Battalion, 1st Corps Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. The incident is under investigation.

Cpl. Michael D. Anderson, 21, of Modesto, Calif., died Dec. 14 as result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. Tina S. Time, 22, from Tucson, Ariz., died Dec. 13 near Cedar, Iraq, when she was involved in a vehicle accident. Time was assigned to the Army Reserve's 208th Transportation Company, Tucson, Ariz. The incident is under investigation.



Bowler's Breakfast Special starts Sunday

Desert Lanes and Jeannie's Diner will offer the "Bowler's Breakfast Special," 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., every Sunday, beginning this week.

For \$5, active duty military, dependents, military retirees and senior citizens can bowl a game and enjoy their choice of two breakfast specials. The cost for civilians is \$6.25. For more information, call 533-5759

Buffalo Corral sets trail ride for Jan. 17

Buffalo Corral will offer a Martin Luther King, Jr. trail ride 9 - 11 a.m., Jan. 17. For reservations or more information, call the corral at 533-5220.

Lighten Up! Tighten Up! this winter

MWR patrons trying to shed a few holiday pounds will find help at their local club, snack bar and at the installation sports and fitness center. This winter, participating food and beverage activities will be offering special menus featuring healthy dining options as part of a *Lighten Up! Tighten Up!* promotion.

Diners will receive a frequent healthy diner card that will be stamped when they purchase one of the healthy meals. Cards can be redeemed after 10 healthy meals for a fitness prize—pedometers, talking jump ropes, fitness and walking journals, body fat analyzers and more.

In addition to these and other local prizes offered by their MWR activities, the cards will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a seven-day spa resort vacation package from www.GovArm.com, a BowFlex by Nautilus home gym, or one of two gas grills provided by Gardenburger.

Complementing the "healthy menus, will be a series of activities offered by the local sports and fitness teams. Watch for lunch-time walking groups, ending at the club for a quick meal. Enter to participate in the "Buns on the Run" 5K run or 1 mile walk...another event tied in with the *Lighten Up!* promotion.

Lighten Up! Tighten Up! will begin early in January and run until the end of March, while prizes last. Ask your club or snack bar manager if they are participating. A complete list of installations and activities taking part can be found at www.mwrpromotions.org.

For more information, call Shirley.kappa@cfsc.army.mil or call (703) 428-6125/DSN: 328-6125.

MWR Box Office

Got the winter blues? MWR Box Office has information on the Armed Forces Vacation Club. With AFVC, you can enjoy resort accommodations for two to six people for less than you'd pay for most hotels. You can book a full week for just \$264. There is a wide variety of destinations and times. Details and samples of resort availability can be view at www.afvclub.com.

Installation MWR programs receive cash rebates, so don't forget your installation number when enrolling in AFVC. Fort Huachuca's installation number is 10.

For more information, call 533-2404 or drop by the MWR Box Office located in Bldg. 52008 on Arizona Street, across from the Commissary. They're open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m, Monday - Friday.

All Army Boxing Championships return to BFH

Fort Huachuca will host the 2005 All Army Boxing Championships Jan. 26, 27 and 29 at Barnes Field House. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the bouts start at 7 p.m.

Admission for all three nights is free to all active duty military personnel.

Tickets for the general public will only be available at the door before each night's events.

General seating tickets are \$5 for Jan. 26 and 27. For championship night, Jan. 29, the cost is \$8. Children 8 and under will be admitted free.

As a special added attraction, Jan. 29, during championship night, all active duty military in attendance will have the chance to make a basket and win a new car! This promotion is open to all active duty military. A number will be drawn for one chance to sink a single basketball shot from the center of the

boxing ring.

For more general information, call 533-5031. For more ticket information, call 533-2404.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

Please complete The SKIES Unlimited child, youth survey

Fort Huachuca Child and Youth Services Program is seeking feedback on the kind of instructional programs they should offer to our community. Your responses will assist CYC in establishing and implementing the desired classes and programs. Please keep in mind that these classes would range in a time span of one week up to a year.

Please check off any of the answers that would apply to your ideals.

What is the age range of your children?

- ☐ 1-5 New Beginnings
☐ 6-11 School Age Services
☐ 12-18 Teen Programs

What method would be the most effective way to inform you about the upcoming classes?

- ☐ The Fort Huachuca Scout
☐ Post Marquees
☐ Brochures at CYC facilities
☐ Fliers and posters within shopping areas
☐ Television

What time of day would be most convenient for you to have your children attend these classes?

- ☐ Weekday mornings ☐ Weekend mornings
☐ Weekday afternoons ☐ Weekend afternoons
☐ Weekday evenings ☐ Weekend evenings

Would you be willing to pay for the classes?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

For the classes held for 4 to 6 weeks, how much would you be willing to pay to help support the program?

- ☐ \$20-50
☐ \$50-80
☐ \$100 and above

Which classes do you think that you would approve your child (ren) attending?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Music Appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics | <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Languages |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cake Decorating | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby/toddler and mommy swim time | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby/toddler dance class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Mommy and Me" story and song time | <input type="checkbox"/> Baby/toddler and Mommy aerobics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (if so please list) | |

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. If you have any questions regarding the program, call the Instructional Program Specialist, Robin Gabert, at 533-0710. Please return this survey to either Room 2 or the Central Registration Office, both located at Murr Community Center.



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Movies

The Incredibles plays Friday at 7 p.m. at Cochise Theater, for the complete listing of this week's movies, see Page 28.



Photo by Elizabeth Davie

The Conseil International du Sport Militaire boxing championship was held on post Oct. 24 - 30. Ibrahim Bostanci of Turkey rest in the corner between rounds in one of the final bouts of the championship at Barnes Field House.

Post's greatest sports, leisure moments of 2004 *CISM boxing championship on fort*

BY SPC. MARCUS BUTLER

SCOUT STAFF

After four days of pound-for-pound action in the qualifying fights, Barnes Field House was transformed into a stage that could rival any of the Las Vegas boxing rings as the championship bouts of the Conseil International du Sport Militaire concluded Oct. 30.

With cheering radiating from the audience in various languages at Barnes Field House, the championship fights for the 48th annual CISM boxing competitions were underway, a championship that included two finalists from Team USA.

The talk leading into the medal fights was of U.S. Army boxer 2nd Lt. Boyd Melson as he prepared for what would be the fight of his life.

Melson, who dominated at the All Army boxing championships held at Fort Huachuca earlier this year, would be fighting for the gold medal on his sister's birthday and with his father looking on.

"This is only the beginning," Melson said after claiming the United States only gold medal.

"Praises go to my father and my

coaches for believing in me when I didn't believe in myself."

CISM held a total of 88 bouts, which cumulated with two qualifying rounds and a championship round.

The qualifying rounds were held Oct. 25 - 28 with a day break before the championship rounds. The bouts were set up by respective weight classes starting at 48 kilograms through 91 plus kilograms.

The championship fights were to determine which of the athletes would receive the silver or gold medal. The bronze medal winners were decided in the previous bouts leading up to the finals.

There were 11 bouts in the championships, which two bronze medals were awarded, a silver and gold.

Team USA member Eric Canales claimed the silver medal in the 64 kilogram bout and the bronze was captured in the 54 kilogram bout by Miguel Albares.

The medals were presented by various VIPs from CISM and Fort Huachuca after each preceding bout was concluded.

Every gold medal winner was also honored with the playing of

their respective national anthem.

"Overall, CISM went very well," said Commandant Jim Hunt, CISM technical committee president. "The base's accommodations, dining and logistics were excellent."

"This 48th CISM competition was a splendid success," said Italian Brig. Gen. Gianni Gola, CISM president, during a speech to the audience. "Friendship through sport - that is what CISM embodies."

"CISM was a fantastic event for Fort Huachuca. The entire installation staff and units on post came together to produce an absolutely first class international competition," Col. Jonathan Hunter, garrison commander. "I can tell you from spending the last week with my counterpart Chiefs of Missions from nineteen other nations, they all had a great experience and were especially appreciative of the warm reception and hospitality of Fort Huachuca and the local communities."

After the final bout, there was a closing ceremony where the CISM colors were passed on to South Africa, who will host the next CISM events in 2006.

Commander's Cup season ends; Company B 305th takes trophy

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE

SCOUT STAFF

The Commander's Cup season ended with an award ceremony Sept. 14 at Eifler Gym and Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion walked away with the trophy for the second year in a row, beating Medical Department Activity by a margin of 60 points.

First sergeant Keith Rae, Company B 305th, credited his unit's success on consistency.

"We field a team in every event," he said. "We go out there any try our best."

Rae also noted that his unit has 101 permanent party Soldiers and more than 200 initial entry training and reclassing Soldiers whose training lasts 42 weeks.

Therefore the unit has a pool of Soldiers to draw from that have been on post for awhile, he said.

"We have multiple people play multiple sports," Rae said. "It gets a lot of command emphasis, especially with the IET Soldiers. They always say, 'We don't have anything to do.' Well, we give them something to do."

More teams competed in all the sports this year than in the past two years of Commander's Cup play because of signal Soldiers returning from deployment, said Michelle Kimsey, MWR sports specialist.

"Bravo 305th did well because they got into the tournaments, they didn't necessarily win, but they placed," Kimsey said. "They got a jump on everyone."

The Commander's Cup trophy is a floating trophy, alternating homes between winning teams, but when a team wins three years in a row, the trophy is retired and kept by the winning unit, Kimsey said.

There are already plans to build a special platform for the trophy at Company B 305th in anticipation of three-peating the

Commander's Cup win.

Just by coming to the organizational meetings, teams earn 25 points, Kimsey said. Also key to earning points is doing well in major sports, which earn teams 50 points just for participating and 65 additional points for placing first, 50 for second and 40 for third. Major sports include football, soccer, volleyball, bowling and softball. Minor sports earn teams 30 points for participating and 35 additional points for placing first.

"Their success is that they had a really, really strong representative who came to all the meetings," Kimsey said. "They were also very conscientious about following the eligibility rules. They don't stack the teams and make sure everyone's legal. They play by the rules."

"If other units had commander support like B 305th, Commander's Cup sports would be really, really competitive," Kimsey said. "It's not just getting good teams. There are many factors involved in success and getting that trophy."

Champions

Highlights from the 2004 Commander's Cup season

Undefeated soccer season leads to title

BY SPC. SUSAN REDWINE
SCOUT STAFF

Commander's Cup soccer came to an exciting finish March 26 after a successful season. Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion walked over Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison with a final score of 6-0 to claim the post title and 115 Commander's Cup points.

The USAG team came into the game as underdogs, having tussled their way into the finals from the loser's bracket to play the undefeated MI company team.

Having defeated Garrison twice in regular season play, 304th felt confident going into the finals. However, Garrison meant business and played tough in the first game, serving up a slice of humble pie to 304th in a 2-1 upset. This pushed the finals into a second game and the formerly undefeated team had to take it on the chin and

'Soldier up' in order to come away with

the title. The win by Garrison gave the team confidence going into the second game, but to their detriment antagonized the 304th team to come out for blood.

"We played aggressive, like we have been doing," said Derrick Watt, team captain for HHC, USAG, after the win and heading into the title game. "We pretty much have them off their game and we need to capitalize."

"When other teams start losing, they fall apart," added James Taylor, of USAG. "When we start losing, we pull together. And we have a fearless goalie."

Going into the second and final game, Jerrod Moreland, team captain for Company C, 304th, said, "Sure I'm disappointed. We're a better team than the way we played. But we get to play again and make up for the mistakes of the last game."

The momentum from the first game changed direction, and 304th took the title in an easy second game win.

Both teams took the field with renewed

vigor and an intensified competitive spirit. Company C took control of the ball early, making a clean shot at USAG's goal that goalie Derrick Watt grabbed out of mid-air.

The 304th team came back with a clean goal a few minutes later by Josh Sharette. USAG tried and failed to take offensive control of the game; 304th kept the ball dangerously close to Watt and USAG's goal for most of the first half.

Before the half 304th scored another goal, putting them in position to come back onto the field with confidence for the final 20 minutes.

While 304th looked cool and focused during halftime, USAG's players looked tired, foreshadowing what was to come in the second half.

Both teams returned to the field trying to find the strength to bring the game to a strong finish. Medhat Abuhantash of 304th scored the first goal of the second half, sending the ball over Watt's head.

It was downhill after that for Garrison as 304th's tireless offense and superior technical ability outplayed the less experienced team.

Garrison seemed to lose hope for a win and never managed to score, as 304th scored three more times before the game was over.

The final game was highlighted by a spectacular penalty kick by David Ellis, 304th, during the middle of the second half that drove straight past the lined-up defenders and slid into the corner of the goal. Bringing the image of world cup soccer to the fort was a deftly headbutted goal by 304th's Juergen Stark.

"We took it all the way to the final game of the championship," said James Bean of HHC, USAG. "I'm real proud of these guys...we gave them [the other team] a good run for their money."

"We played harder," Moreland said. "After the first game, we were a little angry and weren't going to let them take the second game from us."

DHS destroys MEDDAC on court

Victory found in four of four

BY SGT. KRISTIT. SAAVEDRA
SCOUT STAFF

Four games and four victories later, the Department of Homeland Security team annihilated the Medical Department Activities team during the Aug 13 volleyball tournament, bringing the season of spikes to an end.

Game one brought five jump serves for points from Jeremy Ramage, captain of DHS. Raymond Prime of MEDDAC provided four spikes, resulting in good kills, yet it wasn't enough to get a hold in the game. Good defense was part of the strategy that helped DHS walk away with the first victory of the night, 15-6.

Game two began with a strong attempt from MEDDAC to hold back DHS when Hector Jimenez and Brandon Held put a wall against a spike from DHS's Charles Rossman. The light looked brighter when Ramage's serving streak ended with a serve out-of-bounds.

A faux set by Prime, DHS, was a surprising dink for MEDDAC. Yet confusion on the opposing side lead to a point for DHS, putting the score at 7-5. A short serve from MEDDAC's Mike Nguyen sent Charlie Peck tumbling to the gymnasium floor in an attempt to reach the ball. Following Peck's mishap, Dave Escobar of DHS, team coach, tried his hardest to get the ball back in court but fell short of making the net.

It seemed MEDDAC had found their groove, keeping the score close, until their hits started getting over zealous and wild. Game two came to an end, with DHS overcoming MEDDAC for the second time in the evening, 15-9.

Game three began with DHS's loss of first point to MEDDAC due to an error. Redemption was made when

Peck scored the first point of the game, landing the ball on the corner of the court. Prime attempted to get under the ball and failed.

DHS continually scored throughout the course of the game, to include Ramage setting up for Escobar's spike into an unmanned area. DHS took an absurd lead of 10-0 when Prime sent the ball sailing into the ceiling. In a turn of events, Prime came back to score MEDDAC's first point for the third game. The next few minutes involved three more points for MEDDAC and four more for DHS, who then went for game point, bringing the tally to 15-4. DHS was now three out of four.

Game four started with an unusual turn of events, MEDDAC scoring the first point of the game. At 2-0, when things were just starting to look up for MEDDAC, DHS came to life scoring their first point, once again taking control of the court. Morale was high by point eight, causing Peck to run amongst his teammates after making the score. Nine was scored with a serve hit from Ramage. At 11-2, a replay was called on a questionable call, yet score remained the same.

After a strong hit from DHS, Hector Jimenez from MEDDAC dove for what became two points from victory for DHS. A ball hit out of court brought them one point closer and then DHS made the final kill for the evening, bringing the tournament to a close, DHS winning all four games.

Jimenez admitted that MEDDAC lost their composure when they got ahead, and believes that if they had kept their cool it might have turned out differently.

"Overall, we played an excellent game," he said. The tournament ended the volleyball season for the postwide Commander's Cup challenge.



Photo by Spc. Joy Pariente

Matt Reed, with MEDDAC, pounds one over the net during a championship game on Aug. 13.



Photo by Spc. Matthew Chlosta

Run, run, run

Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion emerged as the winner of the Commander's Cup Intramural Track and Field as they dusted Company C, 304th MI Bn., 192-159. William Scott, Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion won the men's 400-meter run June 9.

Softball championship ends in pitchers' duel

BY SPC. MATTHEWE CHLOSTA
SCOUT STAFF

The final game of the softball season came down to the best two teams on Fort Huachuca, according to intramural softball coordinator Tom Lumley, sports specialist, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate.

"It's a rubber match tonight," said Warriors' coach Thomas Summers of the June 4 game at Pauley Field. "It should be a good game. We need to go out and play good hard softball."

There weren't many secrets left between the two military intelligence and San Pedro Division's first and second place regular season teams in the championship game.

The Company C, 304th Military Intelligence Battalion One Eyes and Company B, 305th MI Bn. #1 Silent Warriors, met three times over an eight day period beginning with their regular seasoning ending San Pedro Division Championship deciding game won by the One Eyes on May 27.

The Warriors returned the favor when they defeated the One Eyes, 18-17, in a third round game in the softball intramural tournament winner's bracket at 7 p.m. June 3 to advance to the final.

The One Eyes dropped into the loser's bracket and beat Company A, 305th MI Bn., the Cochise Division regular season second place team, in the fourth round to advance to the final against their archrival, the Warriors.

"We didn't run smart last night," said One Eyes' coach Eric Haupt. "We need to play hard, run hard, hit the ball hard, be smart, have good situational awareness, minimize mistakes and then have fun. Somebody's gotta win it. This will be a good game."

The Warriors were up first and immediately went to work

on One Eyes' pitcher Kenneth French. The Warriors smoked two doubles in the top of the first inning and took a 2-0 lead with runs by Steve Schantz and Joe Hayes.

The man in black, Warriors' pitcher Glen Patterson continued his strong playoff pitching as he held the One Eyes scoreless until the bottom of the fourth inning.

After Warriors' Patterson, Daniel Ellis, Julian Huskey and Robert Collins scored in the top of the fourth inning, to push their team's lead to 6-0, the One Eyes looked to be out of the game.

Then a glimmer of hope started to surface when the One Eyes' Matthew Bauman scored his team's first run in the bottom of the fourth inning to cut the lead to 6-1 in favor of the Warriors.

French started to heat up on the mound for the One Eyes. He shut out the Warriors for the fifth and sixth innings.

Then Haupt helped his team mount their charge in the bottom of the six inning. Haupt twisted his ankle sliding into second base on a double, but brushed himself off and continued to play.

Haupt's team of grinders fed off his energy and 'never quit' attitude. Haupt, Bauman, Paul Smith and Garth Lamonte all scored in the sixth to make the score 6-5 and the One Eyes were now back in the ballgame.

French shut out the Warriors again in the top of the seventh and final inning. The Warriors would have to rely on the visibly fatigued Patterson to hold off the One Eyes in their final at bat.

Once again Haupt came through as he knocked home Adam Tscherne with a double to tie the game at 6 all. Lamonte popped up to end the inning and left the winning run

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Company E, 305th MI robs garrison of basketball title

BY KAREN WEIL
SCOUT STAFF

It was no-holds barred basketball Jan. 30 as the U.S. Army Garrison and Co. E., 305th Military Battalion battled it out for the Commander's Cup Championship.

In the end, the 305th would persevere; the final score after overtime was 44-40.

Chris Holderith, head coach for the 305th, attributed the team's win to heart and soul.

"My team is just outstanding, the best I've coached in three years," Holderith said. "All the players did a great job."

Garrison's coach, Oliver Jackson, said his

team made "too many mental mistakes."

"We were trying to rush the ball down the court," he said.

Jackson said garrison and the 305th displayed good sportsmanship.

"I'm proud of my guys," said Jackson, who added thanks to Shawn Owens and Travis Wilson for playing an excellent game.

Before the game started, coaches for both teams were confident.

Before the first jump ball, Anniebell Murphy, assistant coach for the 305th, said prospects were good, considering the team was missing a player, John Porcher, who was on temporary duty.

The 305th had an unbeaten record throughout the playoffs, topping such opponents as Co. B, 305th MI Bn.

Confident before the start of the evening's action, Jackson said his team had been fighting all season, but the championship would be theirs. "We just won a clinch game against NETCOM [Network Enterprise Technology Command]."

Into the first period, garrison was on a roll, keeping up its lead. It wasn't long before the 305th found its groove, though and scored plenty of points.

The teams were tied with four minutes to go, when garrison took the lead by three points. The

period ended 26-23.

The second period saw the 305th make the first basket, but garrison wasn't about to be left behind, and showed its flair with jump shots. The 305th were rock steady with a tough defense and speed as one way to get to the net.

Finally, the second period ended with garrison scoring 43 points, and the 305th scoring 39.

The 305th was turning on the heat early into the third period, scoring seven points. Garrison quickly caught up, and scored a few points with free throws. With less than a minute left in the game, garrison scored another point, on top at the end of the third pe-

riod, 25-23.

During the game, some in the small but enthusiastic crowd that watched the game provided plenty of colorful commentary.

"Come on, play some D (defense)!" one hollered. "We need you to shoot!" another suggested, more than once, to one player of the 305th.

At other times, some audience members got a little testy when a player fouled or a referee made a controversial call.

As fourth period progressed, both teams continued with lots of nonsense, skillful playing. It looked as if garrison would go home with the championship trophy, but

the 305th made one more basket, which tied the game 36-36.

Overtime was now on, never, and at times the play could best be described with the title of a hit movie from last summer: "2 Fast 2 Furious."

Toward game's end, garrison threw the ball away, twice, but that didn't stop it from scoring four more points.

The 305th quickly responded, gaining the net advantage and shooting the crucial baskets.

Along with team trophies, each player received a statuette for his efforts.

At the final buzzer, the 305th had 44 points, and something to celebrate.

At the movies

Playing this week at Cochise theater is:
Today at 7 p.m. Alexander R
Friday at 7 p.m. The Incredibles PG
Saturday at 7 p.m. Woman Thou Art Loosed R
Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

Special Olympics basketball

Special Olympics Basketball practices are scheduled to start on Monday at the Huachuca Mountain School located on St. Andrews Street off of Buffalo Trail. Practice times will be 6p.m. Medical forms will be required before any participation in scheduled track practices. For more information, call Tom Whipp at 378-1927.

Special Olympics track, field

Special Olympics Track and Field practices are scheduled to start on Jan. 14 at the Barnes Field House and adjacent track. Practice times will be 10 a.m. – noon. Medical forms will be required before any participation in scheduled track practices. For more information, call Tom Whipp at 378-1927.

FHCSC scholarships

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses' Club is offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors and adults in continuing education.

Eligibility is limited to children of DoD civilians assigned to Fort Huachuca, to natural born or legally adopted children of active duty U. S. military members, to children of deceased military while on active duty or of retired military living in Cochise County. Adults continuing their education must be spouses of U. S. civilians assigned to Fort Huachuca. Also included are dependent children, of the above mentioned, until their 23rd birthday.

Scholarships for high school seniors are available now through the counselor's office at participating high

schools. Eligible seniors and adults may also pick up applications at the Post Library, the Sierra Vista Public Library, the Fort Huachuca Education Center, and the financial aid offices of Cochise College and the University of Arizona South campus in Sierra Vista.

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is March, 18 and should be mailed to the FHCSC, PO Box 12202, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85670. Fort further information or additional scholarship applications, call 439-4402.

Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross' Sierra Vista Service Center is offering the following classes in January:

- Jan. 5-6: Babysitter training
- Jan. 7: CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer
- Jan. 9: Adult CPR and First Aid
- Jan. 9: Adult, Child and Infant First Aid
- Jan. 19-20: Adult, Child and Infant First Aid
- Jan. 20,21,27 and 28: Instructor training
- Jan. 29: Adult, Child and Infant First Aid

For more information on any of these classes, including times and costs, call Judee Ramsey at 458-4858 or email svcross@c2i2.com.

Youth Orchestra

The Cochise County Youth Orchestra announces that there is still time for student musicians to register for the Spring 2005 semester. The orchestra's first rehearsal of the year will be held on Tuesday, January 11, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Andrew Catholic Church, 800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista.. All string players in grades 1 through 12 may join the orchestra if they are taking private lessons on violin, viola, cello, or string bass, read music, and can play G, D, C, and F major scales on their chosen instrument. The tuition fee for the entire semester is \$75, and scholarships are available. The semester will end on May 10 with a concert open to the public. For registration forms or further information contact Mu-

sic Director Paula Dorrell by telephone at 439-0409, or by e-mail at dorrellp@hotmail.com. Registration forms are also available on the Web at www.ccyo.info.

Cookie time

On Saturday Girl Scouts in our neighborhood will begin taking orders for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. Cookies are \$4 a box with paument due upon delivery in February. Last year the nation's 2.5 million Girl Scouts sold almost 200 million boxed of cookies, enough to circle the earth.

You can order cookies from a local Girl Scout or call 800-331-6782.

EArmyU

Electronic Army University is now available to enlisted Soldiers. Soldiers can begin or complete their college degree taking online courses. Two different options available. For more information, call the eArmyU representative at 533-1019 or a counselor at 533-3010.

Adult tennis lessons

The Parks and Leisure Services will run adult tennis lessons in four one-hour increments starting 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturdays. The fee is \$45 per person for four lessons. A U.S. Tennis Association teaching professional will be the instructor. Registration is ongoing at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, Ethel Berger Center and the Cove. Lessons will be held at the King's Court Tennis Center. For more information, call 458-7922.

New classes at MWR Arts Center

The MWR Arts Center is offering new classes. "Polaroid Manipulation" is offered 6 - 8 p.m., Thursdays. This class teaches the student how to turn an ordinary Polaroid picture into a "work of art." Cost of the class is \$28 and includes all materials.

For more information, call 533-2015 or stop by the Arts Center, located in Building 52008 on Arizona Street.

Thousands flocked to LAAF for Train

BY SPC. JOY PARIANTE
SCOUT STAFF

Fans of all ages swarmed the runway of Libby Army Airfield on July 27 to rock out to the sounds of the Miller Lite Army Concert Tour featuring Grammy Award winning band Train, with special guest the Graham Colton Band.

People began congregating outside the gates well before the 6:30 p.m. admittance time. By night's end, more than 3,000 Train enthusiasts would be in attendance.

"We're out here to have a good time," said Pfc. Eric Seholm, a military intelligence student here. "We get to come out and watch a good concert on a good night."

Dusk was slowly settling upon the Arizona

desert when Dallas natives, the Graham Colton Band, took the stage to warm up the crowd. The band was asked to join in on the concert tour and "jumped at the chance," said lead singer and namesake, Graham Colton.

The crowd went wild for the newcomers with the thrift shop clothing and the indie rock sound. They played a few singles off their new album, "Drive," before Train thundered on stage.

Train's lead singer Pat Monahan, drummer Scott Underwood, bassist Charlie Colin and guitarist Jimmy Stafford had the crowd's attention from the moment they stepped foot on stage. The audience sang along to radio favorites such as "Meet Virginia" and "Call-

ing All Angels." Train then surprised concertgoers with their renditions of old favorites including songs from AC/DC and Led Zeppelin.

After about an hour of music, Train gave their thanks and the stage went dark. Moments later, as expected, they reappeared for an encore including their new single from the Spiderman 2 soundtrack, "Ordinary," and the crowd favorite and Billboard Chart hit, "Drops of Jupiter."

Train and the Graham Colton Band have been traveling from sea to shining sea performing for the troop After their performances, the bands a chance to reflect on the highlights performing. "It's good to know the maybe our songs and our music can head some

people," Colton said. "We smile a lot and have a good time and hopefully our fans do too."

Army Entertainment and the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation are responsible for the annual Arm Concert Tour. This year's tour was sponsored by Miller Lite, with cosponsorship by Bank One and contributing sponsorship by Pepsi and Jack Daniel Country Cocktails.

"We like bringing the whole family out and having a really good time (at the Army Concert Tour) every year," said Bianca Lamotte, community member Previous acts to visit Fort Huachuca during the Army Concert Tour including Lonestar, Alabama, Martina McBride and the Commo-



Photo by Elizabeth Davile

Pat Monahan, lead singer for Train, entertained the audience of over 3,000 at Libby Army Airfield with songs like "Drops of Jupiter" and "Meet Virginia" July 27.

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stranded on base.

The game was now going to extra innings. Hayes scored in the top of the eighth to give the Warriors a sliver of a lead, 7-6, as the teams headed into the bottom of the eighth inning.

Once again, Patterson dug deep into his bag of tricks as he held the One Eyes scoreless to end the game and win the championship.

Once Bruce Zwiers flied out to end the game; the collective sigh of relief from the Warriors bench became screaming, hollering and yelling. The Warriors spilled out of their dugouts like rambunctious kids; mobbed Patterson on the mound in a group hug and held their index fingers a loft.

The One Eyes could hold their heads high since they had "left it all on the field" as the old coach's mantra goes.

After the trophy presentation ceremony Haupt said, "It was just an incredible game. Either team could've won. We got a great team. This game was absolutely phenomenal.

We had a great season. We had a good time, it's [intramural softball] a great program. This is a pick up team. This is the best this softball team has ever done. This was a hellu'va a game."

Summers basked in the glory of his team's third straight intramural softball championship.

He said immediately after the final out, "It feels great. Three years in a row, this was the toughest one. We've never been into extra innings before. My guys got the job done. That is a real good ball team. They [the One Eyes] won the division, but we won the championship."

Armed Forces team races through Bisbee

BY SPC.
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Feed points, bikes, climbs, toe clips, spokes and flats were some of the terms being tossed around by the participants in last weekend's La Vuelta de Bisbee.

The pack of cyclists, who raced all day April 23, 24 and 25 under the unrelenting heat and around the bake blasted mountains surrounding Tombstone and Bisbee, included a team of America's finest, the Armed Forces Cycling Team.

During the final stage on April 25, the main pack of bikers took on the pulsating circular shape of a living, floating cell membrane as they glided along the black and gray asphalt roads that cut through the desert like a silver knife

through a round yellow pancake.

"The team is racing in the Vuelta de Bisbee and the Tour of the Gila with a focus on preparation to compete at the U.S. Elite Nationals and Olympic Team selection race in June," said Debra Ponzio, team manager. Following that, six of the men will be chosen to represent the United States at our International Military World Championships July 1-5 in Slovakia.

The team is made up of nine men and two women, with members from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, Air Force and Army Reserve and Air National Guard.

"It keeps me in great shape," said the Coast Guard's Steven Mlujeak, 2003 Coast Guard Elite Athlete of the Year.

"I think we have an advan-

tage, being military, for us to work as a team," said the Air Force Reserve's Trent Hornus, 2003 Air Force Europe athlete of the year.

"Every time I'm on the bike and I'm hurting, I think about the people out there that are deployed," said Soldier Michael Gallagher. "I just gut it out, wrench it up the hill. I'm lucky."

On the AFCT's men side, the Coast Guard's George Ganoung, a Tombstone native, came in sixth in Saturday's time trial, which set him up for a high finish overall on Sunday.

"We all worked. Our main focus was to keep him [George] with the main group," Mlujeak said.

Mlujeak summed up the AFCT's awesome experience at the La Vuelta de Bisbee. He said, "It was a good day. Mission complete."